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Paoli United Methodist Church



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Understanding the Bible and It's Application to Your Life

Be Good!

"Telling your kids to be altruistic is not enough. You have to do it, too," says Jane Piliavin, a sociologist at the University of Wisconsin. "Adults who volunteer and intend to continue volunteering are the ones who report that their parents were volunteers."

Even parents who do everything right have to fight the cultural tide. "We know human nature has the capacity to be selfish and altruistic, so the question becomes: What does our society do to encourage one or the other?" Piliavin asks. Her rueful answer: "Our culture strongly encourages looking out for number 1."

America's consumerism can put things before people. Our full steam ahead economy leaves some behind. And our tradition of rugged individualism elevates the one above the many. Surveys show that while 80% of us agree that citizens should be involved in their communities, far fewer – 49 percent – actually volunteer. "We're a society of busy, involved people who have a lot of commitments," says University of Minnesota psychologist Mark Snyder. "It's easy to endorse altruism. It's harder to figure out, 'Where am I going to find those extra 5 hours a week?'"

-Ann Murphy Paul,
"Born to be Good?"
USA Weekend July 25, 1999

The Bible is not an easy book to read, understand, or apply to your life. The various books in the Bible were written during different time periods, in the midst of varied circumstances. In order to understand the full message of a particular book in the Bible; you need to understand what was happening at the time of its writing. For example, let's take Amos 5:21-24. God wants the Israelites to treat each other fairly, rather than sacrificing fat beasts. However, you need to be aware of the historical context in which this book was written. The book of Amos was written during an era of peace and prosperity for the Israelites. The wealth was not distributed evenly among the people. Some Israelites were very poor and some were very rich. Those who were rich cheated and oppressed the poor. To the northwest, the Assyrian army was mobilizing. But the rich were not afraid. They had a false hope God would protect his people because they offered God nice sacrifices. If you have this background when reading the book of Amos, you will comprehend its focus far better.

As we prepare for Easter, the time of Lent which comes before Easter is a period of penitence. Being penitent means being sorry for having offended or wronged God. During Lent we come before God acknowledging our sins. The Israelites in the Book of Amos were arrogant and did not come before God with a humble heart. They assumed their sacrifices would be enough to protect them. As we look at American society today does a similar situation exist today, like in the book of Amos? In the weeks ahead, as you pray to God consider asking him about how is it with your soul?

March 2018**Sunday Service Times**

8:15 A.M. Worship

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:15 A.M. Worship

6:00 P.M. Youth

Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Thursday 8 A.M. to noon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Boy Scout troop 351 arriving	3 Boy Scout troop 397 arriving
4 Lenten Book study Boy scout troops 351 & 397 departing 6:30 P.M. Becomers	5 Ad Council 7 P.M.	6	7 Choir practice 7 P.M. Choir kids 7 P.M.	8 Christian education 7 P.M.	9	10 Tri Kappa 7-2 P.M. Pinewood Derby 5 P.M.
11 Christian Education Sunday Junior Church Trustees 6 P.M. Daylight savings begins	12	13 Staff-Parish 6 P.M. Finance 7 P.M.	14 Choir practice 7 P.M. Choir kids 7 P.M.	15	16	17
18 Food Pantry Sunday Lenten Book study 6:30 P.M. Becomers	19	20	21 Choir practice 7 P.M. Choir kids 7 P.M.	22	23	24
25 Mission Sunday Junior Church Lenten Book study 6:30 P.M. Becomers	26	27	28 Choir practice 7 P.M. Choir kids 7 P.M.	29 Maundy Thursday service 7 PM	30 Good Friday service Paoli High school cafeteria 7 PM	31
			Spring Break			

March sermon titles & texts

Mar. 4 Communion Sunday
"Cleansing the Temple"
 John 2:13-22

Mar. 11 Christian Education Sunday
"Evidence"
 John 3:10-21

Mar. 18 Food Pantry Sunday
"Death & a Rich Harvest"
 John 12:20-33

Mar. 25 Missions Sunday/Palm Sunday
"The Priestly Prayer"
 John 17-18:27

Particular Sunday Emphases

- 1st Sunday of the month - Communion/Altar Call Sunday
 2nd Sunday of the month - Christian Education/Junior Church Sunday
 3rd Sunday of the month - Food Pantry/Altar Call Sunday
 4th Sunday of the month - Mission Moment/Junior Church Sunday
 5th Sunday of the month - Stewardship Moment/Altar Call Sunday

March Altar Flowers

Mar. 4 Darlene McBride
 Mar. 11 Open
 Mar. 18 Open
 Mar. 25 Open

See altar flowers clipboard across from church office for more information.

**UMCOR Sunday
March 11**

Be sure to set you clocks
forward 1 hour.

**Daylight savings
March 11**



History

Celebrating 50 years of the United Methodist Church

When was the first United Methodist Church organized?

In Dallas, Texas, in 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church united and became **The United Methodist Church** bringing together two streams of spiritual life with similar emphasis which they had in their beginnings in the evangelistic concerns and passions of John Wesley, Francis Asbury, Phillip William Otterbein, Jacob Albright and Martin Boehn and others who labored with them.

How old is Methodism in the United States?

The Methodist Church began in the United States in 1736 when John and Charles Wesley came to the New World to spread the movement.

When was the first United Brethren church organized?

The United Brethren in Christ was the first new Protestant denomination organized on American soil in 1800 by Phillip William Otterbein, a missionary from Germany.

When was the Paoli Evangelical United Brethren Church organized?

In July 1924 the local church was organized with more than 60 charter members. At the 1925 annual conference Rev. A. B. Condo was assigned as pastor and the congregation purchased a structure on West Main Street, known as the "Bottling Building."

When was the Paoli Methodist Church organized?

Circuit riding preachers had been coming to the Paoli area to preach since 1807 but it was not until 1818 that the old stone courthouse, erected on the northwest corner of the Paoli public square was used as a place of worship until the erection of the first Methodist Church in Paoli in 1838.

When was the merger of the two Paoli churches?

The Reverend John Russell and the Reverend Richard Gillum joined hands in an altar ceremony on Sunday, December 19, 1968, to create the new **Paoli United Methodist Church**.

Was there any interaction between the two Paoli churches before the official merger?

Yes: a joint Bible school was hosted by the two churches at the E.U.B. Church; serving as directors were Rachel Bowen and Betty Cromwell in the summer before the official merger ceremony in December 1968.

When did our newly organized church begin monthly church newsletters?

One of our members started editing a monthly church newsletter in 1969 on a mimeograph machine until a computer was available many years later.

How many acres does our present church occupy?

Our church property consists of 8 acres which was a gift to the church.

Watch future newsletters for more information about our church.

Also, future newsletters will inform you about the big 50-year celebration of our church building being planned for December 1968.

Betty Cromwell
Church Historian

Mission Work – Reaching Out to Others

Projects:

Blankets of Love

Blankets of Love provides blankets to the children entering the Women's Shelter in Salem, Indiana. It is the only Shelter in a 3 county area.

Blankets of Love*

*quarterly goal - \$400...

■ Total Collected ■ Collection Goal
\$10 \$390

Penny Collection

The 4-6 grade Sunday school class is collecting pennies. The students will soon decide the cause to support.

UMCOR Sunday March 11

UMCOR has been providing compassion and relief services to people and nations in crisis since 1940. They have a presence in over 80 countries and have helped tens of thousands of people receive help after war, disaster, conflict and other disruptive events that leave communities unable to recover on their own. We have relief workers on the ground all over the world helping people recover from the 2017 floods in Africa. In the United States and the Caribbean after the 2017 hurricane season.

Pull Tabs

The Ronald McDonald House earns more than \$15,000 per year to help support families. By collecting the aluminum pull tabs from your soda and other cans you help care for families, while their children receive much-needed medical treatment.



Promoting Our Church in the Community

**Monday- Friday
Faith Break
WUME**

Weekly - the Paoli News Republican church section – worship schedule.

**24/7
www.paoli-umc.com
Google Reviews**

During the Spring/ Summer baseball season sign on the fence of field #2 Paoli Community Park.

Teaching Gratitude

Send young people into the community to take photos or videos of where they see God at work. Then share the finished product with the rest of the congregation. This enables people to be grateful for the contributions of young people in the church while also thanking God for good work in the community

Worship Events



Holy Thursday Service

March 29, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Paoli United Methodist Church

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Paoli Ministerial Association

Good Friday service

March 30, 2018

7 P.M.

Paoli High school cafeteria

A sign-up sheet will be circulating. Seating will be limited



Celebrations & Member Care

Lifting up others in prayer and giving thanks



Celebrations

In the newspaper –

Cora Austin, Bela Brewster, Diane Dillard,
Lily Eubank, Morgan Dusch,
Kalyn Hannon, Michael Hannon,
Martha Lambdin, Mary Alice Radcliffe,
Stella Windhorst, Willson Windhorst

David Foster's move from Methodist
Hospital to RHI (Rehabilitation Hospital of
Indiana). You may send letters to:

4141 Shore Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46254

Engagement

On New Year's Day, Rachel Wyatt and
Mark Carter were engaged. The couple met in
July 2016 after being introduced by Carter's
sister, central office secretary Lisa Muth. The
last three years of Wyatt's life have been quite
challenging, but she believes her faith, family,
friends and students have kept her strong
and watched her tears and sadness recently
turn into smiles and joy. This summer, Wyatt
and her fiancé plan to marry at the Disney
Wedding Pavilion in Orlando, Florida at
Disney World. The wedding is a celebration
of love and family, so the couple chose
Disney World for the location since it is "the
happiest place on Earth."

Medical Concerns

Deegan Epperson,

David Foster's recent heart transplant
and continued hospitalization,

Madalyn Harmon,
Christina Harris,
Mary Margaret McCoy
(recovering from a stroke),
Paulette Purkhiser &
Mert Stroud

Cancer Concerns

Rex Babcock
Jeremy Hicks
Joyce Schaar

Condolences

The Huffman family

Weddings

None

Baptisms

None

Members in nursing & retirement facilities

Martha Denny Rm. 119, Mary Margaret McCoy Rm. 101
Bliss House, 3008 S. Shawnee Dr. Bedford, Indiana 47421

Rosemary Noble Rm. 123A
Garden Villa, 2111 Norton Ln. Bedford, Indiana 47421

Betty Jo Henderson Rm. 402
Helen Roberts Rm. 212
Paoli Health & Living, 559 W. Longest St., Paoli, IN 47454

Pastor visits the homebound & retirement
facilities once a month with Harold Minton.

Good luck

**Cora Austin as you compete in
the Orange County Publishing
Spelling Bee!**

Social Awareness – Lead Poisoning Flint, Michigan

For months, worried parents in Flint, Mich., arrived at their pediatricians' offices in droves. Holding a toddler by the hand or an infant in their arms, they all have the same question: Are their children being poisoned?

To find out, all it takes is a prick of the finger, a small letting of blood. If tests come back positive, the potentially severe consequences are far more difficult to discern.

That's how lead works. It leaves its mark quietly, with a virtually invisible trail. But years later, when a child shows signs of a learning disability or behavioral issues, lead's prior presence in the bloodstream suddenly becomes inescapable.

According to the [World Health Organization](#), "lead affects children's brain development resulting in reduced intelligence quotient (IQ), behavioral changes such as shortening of attention span and increased antisocial behavior, and reduced educational attainment. Lead exposure also causes anemia, hypertension, renal impairment, immunotoxicity and toxicity to the reproductive organs. The neurological and behavioral effects of lead are believed to be irreversible."

The Hurley Medical Center, in Flint, released a [study](#) in September 2017 that confirmed what many Flint parents had feared for over a year: The proportion of infants and children with above-average levels of lead in their blood has nearly doubled since the city switched from the Detroit water system to using the Flint River as its water source, in 2014.

Lead Contamination

COMMON SOURCES OF LEAD



PAINT

Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint and can contaminate via peeling paint chips and dust (from sanding painted walls).



POTTERY, JEWELRY

Leaded crystal, lead-glazed pottery and some jewelry can introduce lead into your home.



PIPES

Lead pipes and pipes using lead solder can leak into drinking water, as seen in Flint, Mich.



OCCUPATIONAL

Some jobs and hobbies (such as welding, stained-glass work, and shooting at gun ranges) can bring lead into the home.



LEGACY POLLUTION

Past industrial emissions and tail pipes emitting leaded gasoline can contaminate soil.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM
Constipation, nausea, poor appetite

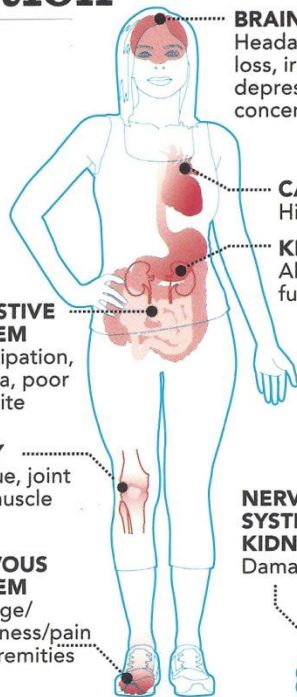
BODY
Fatigue, joint and muscle pain

NERVOUS SYSTEM
Damage/numbness/pain in extremities

FREE SCREENINGS

The Vigo County Health Department provides free blood lead tests for children under 6. Indiana State's department of earth and environmental systems provides free soil and water lead testing.

▲ Children absorb up to 70% of injected lead, adults about 20%.



BRAIN
Headaches, memory loss, irritability, depression, lack of concentration

CARDIOVASCULAR
High blood pressure

KIDNEYS
Abnormal function, damage

BRAIN
Lower IQ, behavioral problems, hearing and speech problems, learning disabilities

NERVOUS SYSTEM, KIDNEYS
Damage

BODY
Decreased bone and muscle growth

BLOOD
Anemia

SYMPTOMS

There are no immediate symptoms but parents should have their children screened if there is concern for lead exposure.

SAFETY MEASURES



If you live in a pre-1978 house, get a professional risk assessment.



Use only cold tap water for drinking and cooking.



Clean up paint chips immediately and clean window frames and sills often. Use a wet cloth.



Wash child's hands, toys, pacifiers frequently.



Outside toys, tools, gloves and shoes should be left outside and separate from inside ones.

For more information, call National Lead Information Clearinghouse: 800-424-LEAD.

Little Creations

preschool/Playschool/

contact

Little Creations (812) 723-4291

cmarmywife@gmail.com

Hello Everyone,

Last month we learned about Groundhogs day, Valentine's Day and Presidents Day! We continue working on letters and sounds and are identifying beginning blends and ending sounds. The preschool groups are sounding out and forming small words. We will continue our unit on nursery rhymes and fables, as well as, number recognition and groupings.

Registration for the 2018/2019 school year is coming up soon.

Parents who attend Paoli United Methodist Church have the first opportunity to enroll their children on Sunday, April 1st. Then, any child currently enrolled in Little Creations Preschool can pre-register on Thursday Morning, April 5th. Open registration will be Thursday evening, April 5th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Thanks, Miss Cindy

Preschool director
Cindy Murphy

Teachers
Tina Benham
Jeanette Kintz

Substitute
Lesa Farlow

Preschool Classes:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Monday-Friday
8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Playschool Classes:
Monday & Wednesday
12:30-3:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Thursday
8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

Good Works

Many teens, as many as 60 percent do some kind of community service, primarily through faith-based organizations. "Teens think more about things that they get credit for," says John Gillis, a freshman at St. Albans School in Washington, D.C.

John has to do 60 hours of community service in his first three years to graduate. He also did 20 hours before being confirmed in the Catholic Church, and will do an additional 100 for an Eagle Scout project.

Some teen service, certainly, is padding for a college application or fulfilling school requirements. But where doctrine has lost its authority, say James Youniss of Catholic University of America, many youths do service "For a connection with history, with a meaning system. Religion is one. Politics is one, ethnicity is one."

John LeLand

"Searching for a Holy Spirit
Newsweek, May 8, 2000, 63.

Annual Christian Education Scholarships Awarded to the following graduating High School Seniors:

1. Kyle Marshall is the son of Justin & Autumn Marshall and Sara and Jason (Dutch) Parks. He is an active member of the Paoli United Methodist Church youth group. He has participated in tennis for four years, golf for two years and has been manager of the basketball and football teams. Kyle is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Hanover college and pursue a career in physical therapy.

2. Garrett Vincent is the son of Holly & Billy Vincent. He is an active member of the Paoli United Methodist youth group. He is a member of National Honor Society and the Booster Club. He also played football and basketball. Garrett plans to attend Indiana University and to study either Chemistry or Biology. After obtaining his undergraduate degree, he plans to attend dental school.



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Rev. Dr. LaMont Bonath, pastoral care specialist, AAPC

Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

Junior Church March 11 & 25 10:15 service

Access church website
using the quick response
code.



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response code

March Helpers

Greeters

- 4 Rex & Ann Babcock
- 11 Phillip & Janis Easterday
- 18 Matt & Catherine Henderson
- 25 David & Margaret Mathers

Please contact Lesa Farlow if you are unavailable as a greeter for any of the above dates.

Acolytes

- 4 Max Newkirk & Austin Benales
- 11 Garrett Vincent & Andrew Benales
- 18 Libby Newkirk & Kalyn Hannon
- 25 Emma Bradley & Harper Ralston

Please contact Dee Ann Harmon if you are unavailable as an acolyte for any of the above dates.

Worship Leaders

- 4 Jim Bowen
- 11 Jim Bowen
- 18 Howard Detweiler
- 25 Howard Detweiler

March Anniversaries

- 5 Bud & Mary Alice Caraway
- 6 Irvin & Darlene McBride
- 26 Ryan & Brenda Eubank

March Birthdays

- 2 Kaylee Asbell
- Margaret Mathers
- 3 Diane Dillard
- 4 Lily Hall
- 5 Matthew Bowen
- 7 Margaret McGiveney
- 8 Adam Mills
- 13 Mary LaVerne Boston
- 16 Rex Hudleson
- 18 Michael Harmon
- 21 David Mathers
- 22 Darek Newkirk
- 23 Marjorie Patton
- 30 Larry Jones
- Nina Sickbert
- 31 Laura Gilmore
- Shirley Padgett